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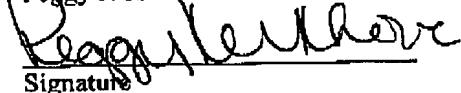
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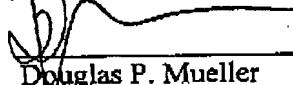
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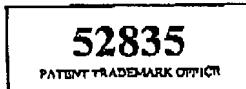
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	60-168050	August, 1985	Japan			Abstract	
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